

Amendment No. 1 to HB0901

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1227

House Bill No. 901*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-197, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (f):

(f)

(1) On and after October 1, 2017, the bureau of TennCare, through a state pharmacy benefit manager or managed care organization, shall:

(A) Monitor the use of prescribed opioids by TennCare enrollees;

(B) Unless otherwise exempt pursuant to subdivision (f)(1)(E), restrict each opioid prescription to no more than a seven-day supply and the least amount of MME dosage appropriate, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) MME per day;

(C) Unless otherwise exempt pursuant to subdivision (f)(1)(E), require prior authorization for an opioid prescription to an enrollee, for the third weekly opioid prescription during a ninety-day period, whether the prescriptions are issued during consecutive weeks or not;

(D) At the time of prior authorization, require documentation of the pregnancy status for any female enrollee of child bearing age, and if the enrollee is a female of child bearing age, follow existing protocol for opioid prescriptions to pregnant women. The department shall promulgate rules regarding the required documentation required pursuant to this subdivision (f)(1)(D); and

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(E) Develop exemptions from the prior authorization requirements of subdivisions (f)(1)(B) and (f)(1)(C) for enrollees with medical conditions that justify a longer period of use or a higher dosage of opioids.

(2) The bureau of TennCare shall report results, if any, of reducing opioid use of and addiction to opioids by TennCare enrollees through this subsection (f) to the senate health and welfare committee and the health committee of the house of representatives no later than February 1, 2018, and every February 1 thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.